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cancel 43
amount of a compound (B) according to Claim 1 and at least one customary spot-on formulation adjuvant, and a notice specifying that the containers are to be used alternately with an interval.

Cancel claim 35, without prejudice disclaimer.

Claim 49, line 1, cancel "small".

43 45 52 (once amended) Composition according to claim ⁴²~~46~~, wherein the composition is applied [fluid vehicle is adapted for local application] at two points between the animal's shoulders.

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45 ~~60~~. (once amended) A synergistic spot-on composition for the long protection agent ^{lasting} against fleas and ticks on mammals which comprises synergistic amounts of Fipronil [and a] synergistic amount of a compound which mimics juvenile hormones and at least one customary spot-on formulation adjuvant. *partly cancel*

✓ Cancel claim 69, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Entry of Amendment After Allowance.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of an extremely helpful interview on April 5, 2000 as well as for his assistance in dealing with the "missing" Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

This Amendment is responsive to the interview. Following the recommendation of the Examiner (see Interview Summary Record), this Amendment amends the claims so that the claims are directed to spot-on compositions which comprise, in addition to a 1-arylpyrazol and an ovicidal IGR, a customary spot-on formulation adjuvant. Applicants are amending the claim in this manner in order to advance prosecution and to prevent the application from being

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withdrawn from issue. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled subject matter or will rely on the doctrine of equivalents for further protection.

It is believed that no fee is due. If however, fee is due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0320.

An early notice of entry of this Amendment is requested. If there are any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for this prompt resolution.

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